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Israel

The newly published report of the inquiry commission into the Beirut massacre makes no recommendations regarding Prime Minister Menahem Begin but suggests that Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon draw "personal conclusions from the flaws found in the execution of his tasks" and that if necessary the prime minister should consider whether to use his powers to "dismiss a minister," according to excerpts of the report broadcast by IDF Radio. The report also found Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Refa'el Eytan guilty of plunders but made no recommendation about this because of his impending retirement. It called for the dismissal of IDF intelligence chief Major General Yehoshu'a Sagi, recommended that the paratroop division commander be restricted from holding an IDF command for 3 years but made no recommendations about the foreign minister, the chief of Mosad, and the commander of the Northern Command.

Despite the commission's statement that no recommendations are necessary regarding Prime Minister Begin, the report criticizes Begin for being "indifferent" toward the massacres and it also criticizes and reprimands Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir, Jerusalem radio reported.

Noting that the Cabinet will meet on 8 February to discuss the commission's findings, the radio disclosed that Sharon "is not inclined to resign" despite attempts by various ministers to persuade him to resign as defense minister but remain in the Cabinet and retain his position on the Ministerial Committee for Security Affairs.

Lebanon

President Amin al-Jumayyil told the Cabinet that Israel is demanding "impossible" conditions which Lebanon is not ready to accept or grant, Beirut radio reported. Earlier, after the Lebanese-Israeli-U.S. talks in Khaldah, the Information Ministry announced in a statement broadcast by the radio that the three subcommittees which met during the day would resume their discussions at Khaldah on 8 February. According to Jerusalem radio, the military subcommittee achieved "great progress" and began to draft an agreement, although there is still disagreement about warning stations, UNIFIL, and the guarding of refugee camps.

Meanwhile, the IDF commander for the 'Alayh area announced at a press conference in Khaldah that the IDF has succeeded in concluding a cease-fire agreement between the Druze and Christians in the Ash-Shuf region, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Asserting that roads will be reopened and weapons withdrawn, he warned that if the agreement is not carried out the IDF will intervene directly. He said the IDF has no objection to the entry of the Lebanese Army and the multinational force into the Ash-Shuf. The cease-fire announcement came after the Lebanese delegation at Khaldah had voiced concern about the IDF's failure to maintain security in the Ash-Shuf area, Beirut radio noted.

Clashes subsequently resumed south of 'Alayh despite the cease-fire announcement, Beirut radio reported. However, Jerusalem radio said the area was calm by nightfall. In a separate development, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported that the Israelis and Syrians continued to reinforce their positions in the Al-Biqa' valley.

PLO Affairs

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat met with Jordan's King Husayn to discuss the future relationship between the PLO and Jordan, Amman television reported.

'Arafat also met with Lebanese Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Junblatt and Egyptian Foreign Ministry First Under Secretary Usamah al-Baz, according to Amman radio and the Jordanian paper SAWT ASH-SHA'B. In another development the PLO-Jordanian committee began meeting in Amman under the chairmanship of 'Arafat and Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran, INA reported citing an informed PLO source. The source said the meeting will be "extremely important" and added that all topics discussed will be submitted to the 14 February PNC session for endorsement.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Iraqi President Saddam Husayn has warned Tehran's leaders to learn from their bitter experience in the Ash-Shib region and declared that if the Iranians again choose the road of expansion and aggression they will find "Iraqi fire" waiting for them, INA reported citing Husayn's 8 February comment on the Iranian offensive. Iraqi forces "crushed" the Iranian offensive in Ash-Shib and killed 6,894 Iranians, according to a military communique carried by INA. The communique said that Iraqi fighter planes and helicopters carried out 129 combat missions against the Iranian forces and returned safely to base after inflicting heavy losses. INA also reported that "hundreds" of Iranian POW's have arrived in Al-'Amarah. Meanwhile, Iranian forces "liberated" 250 square km of territory from Iraq, including border posts, according to an Iranian military communique broadcast by Tehran radio. The radio also appealed for ambulances, bandages, warm clothes, and food to be donated by Iranian citizens for distribution at the front. Tehran radio's Arabic service called for Saddam Husayn's death and urged Iraqi citizens to provide weapons and protection for the Iraqi "mujahidin" to enable them to strike at Husayn's regime. In another development Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi castigated France for helping Iraq and said that France will suffer immensely after Husayn's "certain fall" as this will block any future French attempts to infiltrate the region, IRNA reported. The prime minister stated that the Iranian offensive will show that no one can harness the "great holy fire" set on the region's tyrants, IRNA added.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz called on the Arab League, the United Nations, the Islamic Conference Organization, and the Nonaligned Movement to "assume their responsibilities" toward the Iranian aggression, which is a "flagrant violation" of the resolutions passed by these organizations, according to INA. Meanwhile, Saudi King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, Jordanian King Husayn, and Egyptian President Husni Mubarak telephoned Saddam Husayn and stressed their countries' support for Iraq in defense of its land and sovereignty, INA noted.

Iraq

Opposition Front -- Eighteen Iraqi opposition groups including the Communist Party and Idris al-Barzani's Democratic Party of Kurdistan issued a statement in Tripoli, Libya, announcing their decision to establish a national front to overthrow the Saddam Husayn regime and set up a "democratic, popular, and unionist" system, JANA and Tripoli radio reported. Their meeting was linked to the recent conference in Tripoli of representatives of 135 Arab opposition groups, JANA noted.

Nuclear Reactor -- Canadian officials who recently visited the country disclosed that Iraq has increased its efforts to rebuild its nuclear reactor, the Israeli daily HA'ARETZ reported. The reactor site looks like "an enormous mountain," the Canadians said, with major antiaircraft defenses deployed in the area.

Iran

Iranian papers confirmed reports on the arrests of a number of persons accused of spying for the Soviet Union, according to IRNA. ETTELA'AT reported that the Tudeh Party's general secretary and ideologist are thought to be among those arrested, IRNA noted.

PDRY

An Iranian Foreign Ministry delegation arrived in the PDRY for talks on bilateral relations, Aden radio reported. In a statement to ANA, an Iranian official said he will convey a message from Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i to Chairman 'Ali Nasir Muhammad on bilateral relations and Iran's position in the forthcoming nonaligned conference, the radio added.

Afghanistan

Defense Minister Major General Abdol Qader met with his Soviet counterpart Marshal Dmitriy Ustinov in Moscow on 5 February, according to Moscow television. The television report added that questions of mutual interest were discussed during the friendly conversation.

Morocco

A Moroccan official accused French media and "certain sectors" in the ruling French Socialist Party of launching an information campaign against Morocco in order to undermine President Francois Mitterrand's recent efforts to improve bilateral relations, KUNA reported.

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KESHTMAND CHAIRS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SESSION

LD072059 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the Council of Ministers, today chaired a regular session of the DRA Council of Ministers at the council's headquarters.

The DRA national anthem was played at the opening of the session after which Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand made a speech in which he said: In today's session of the Council of Ministers, we will again discuss vital economic and social issues in the life of the country. We will take necessary measures in this regard. However, it has become obvious that merely discussing issues and taking measures are not enough. It is of serious importance to implement those decisions completely and on time.

Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand added: The growth and consolidation of the revolutionary process in the country demands from us self-sacrifice, time, indefatigable efforts, initiatives, and constructive and overwhelming interest in speedily accomplishing our tasks. We are not here only to relate problems; we are dutybound to overcome problems and to move forward.

Raz Mohammad Paktin, minister of electric energy, then read a report concerning the utilization and expansion of electric energy, measures aimed at strengthening construction establishments, and their all-round maintenance.

In accordance with the general agenda for today's meeting of the Council of Ministers, 'Abdol Ghafar Lakanwal, minister of agriculture and land reform, read a report on the spring cultivation campaign for the new year, the operational plan for the spring, and improvement in the implementation of fixed prices for purchase and sale of cotton and sugar beets.

'Abdol Wahab Safi, minister of justice and attorney general of the DRA, reported on various draft laws and regulations and their relevant supplements.

Subsequently, the Council of Ministers made practical decisions on these issues which were unanimously approved by members of the Council of Ministers.

At the end of the meeting, Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand assessed the results of the session and the issues discussed: Assessing the provision of electrical energy in the DRA, expanding the electricity generating stations, and questions related to its utilization are among the most urgent and important subjects and issues with which we are faced daily.

Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand added: The PDPA and the DRA Government attach great importance to the production and growth of electrical energy in the country for maintaining the life of the people. According to a proposal by the Council of Ministers, approved by the DRA Revolutionary Council, a second 43,000 megawatt gas turbine will be purchased and soon will be operational. Similarly, possibilities are being sought for the purchase and installation of [words indistinct] two units of gas turbines, each with a capacity of 36 megawatts. A survey for the construction of two large hydroelectric stations, to be called Sarobi II and Sarobi III, soon will be completed. The Soviet Union will render great technical and economic assistance to Afghanistan in building these stations.

Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand continued: It is, of course, worth mentioning that the Soviet Union so far has played a big part in the development of electrical energy in our country. In the future too, the Soviet Union will give practical help to our national economy by building a large energy station. There are a great many opportunities for building large hydroelectric stations in our country.

Commenting on agriculture and livestock farming in the country, the chairman of the Council of Ministers said: Agriculture and livestock breeding have an important role in providing work for the labor force and in foreign trade. Agricultural and livestock produce constitutes more than 60 percent of our national gross product. Thus, the PDPA and the DRA Government pay special attention to the growth and development of agriculture and livestock breeding and are taking effective measures to improve the living conditions of the peasants who form the majority of the people in our country.

Explaining the further consolidation of democratic regulations and laws, Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand said: Today, the DRA Government approved the draft budget, its implementation and approval, in which the authority and obligations of ministries and departments are very clearly defined with regard to their utilization of state funds. A commission will be appointed, according to this law, by the DRA Revolutionary Council for its close and comprehensive assessment.

In conclusion, Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand said: We discussed topics in today's session that have great importance for our country's economic and social life. We made important decisions, but it is important to put these decisions and resolutions into practice.

The Council of Ministers session concluded with the playing of the DRA anthem.

KARACHI REPORTS ON RECENT MUJAHIDIN OPERATIONS

Paktia Province Attack

BK041558 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 4 Feb 83

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say the mujahidin destroyed a defense outpost of the Karmal forces in the north of Khost cantonment in Paktia Province and killed its commander. The Afghan mujahidin attacked this outpost on 17 January and within only 2 hours the Karmal soldiers had fled the scene, leaving behind the bodies of two of their colleagues and the commander. The mujahidin also captured arms and ammunition lying in the outpost.

There are also reports of continued attacks on houses of office bearers of the Parcham group of Afghanistan's ruling party in Paktia. A prominent leader of the party and his brother were killed in a village near Khost.

Laghman Province Clashes

BK060828 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 6 Feb 83

[Text] Afghan mujahidin reportedly killed 21 Soviet and Karmal administration soldiers and destroyed seven tanks during clashes in Laghman Province. Reports say the mujahidin also captured five supply trucks. Other reports say the Afghan mujahidin destroyed two more trucks during a major clash with Soviet and Karmal administration soldiers in the (Ardhun) cantonment on 15 and 18 January.

STUDENTS GROUPS CLASH AT DHAKA UNIVERSITY 6 FEB

BK061736 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 6 Feb 83

[Text] A clash between two groups of students inside the Dhaka University campus today caused injuries to several persons and considerable damage to the public property. The clash ensued as one group of students tried to disrupt a meeting being held by another group to mark its founding anniversary. This sparked off clashes and counterclashes between the two groups at various places within the university campus including the CHP, the road along the Rokea hall, and, at one stage, up to the Dhaka Medical College main gate where some students had taken shelter.

During the encounter, both sides exchanged brickbats. The attacking group was armed with hockey sticks, iron rods, and lathis, with which they mercilessly beat up the other group, causing injuries to many. A total of 108 persons were injured; 43 of whom have been admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The condition of five of them is reported to be critical.

The Education Minister Dr A. Majid Khan and the Health Minister Major General Shamsul Haq visited the injured at the hospital this evening.

The rowdy behavior of a section of students caused considerable damage to the property of the Dhaka Medical College and hospital. A case has been started at the Ramna police station in this connection and investigation is on.

STUDENTS DEMAND WITHDRAWAL OF MARTIAL LAW

BK071419 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] In Bangladesh, about 5,000 students held a rally at the Dhaka University campus today, demanding withdrawal of martial law and the restoration of civil rights. The rally was organized by the students action committee of the alliance of 14 student organizations of the university.

ERSHAD DECLARES MARTIAL LAW TO BE TIGHTENED

BK080859 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 8 Feb 83

[Text] The chief martial law administrator of Bangladesh, Lieutenant General Ershad, has said that martial law regulations in the country will be tightened to check growing disturbances. This announcement comes after violent clashes at the Dhaka University campus 2 days back.

Gen Ershad told newsmen in Dhaka that the martial authorities will not tolerate any kind of civil disobedience or political activities against the regime.

The main political parties -- the Awami League and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party -- have publicly called upon the government to restore civilian rule.

The former president, Mr Abdus Sattar, in a statement last night alleged that the military government had failed in its mission.

ERSHAD COMMENTS ON 4-NATION TOUR, TALKS

BK080704 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0005 GMT 8 Feb 83

[Text] The chief martial law administrator [CMLA], Lieutenant General H.M. Ershad, now back home on the conclusion of his four-nation tour, has described the trip as very successful and satisfying.

Talking to newsmen on his return from Amman at the Zia International Airport this morning, he said during his 8-day visit to Kuwait, Morocco, France, and Jordan he held wide-ranging talks with the leaders of these countries. The talks covered bilateral matters and important international and regional issues. Questions concerning the Middle East situation and the Palestinian issue figured prominently during his talks with the amir of Kuwait and the Kuwaiti crown prince and prime minister, the Moroccan king and prime minister, and the Jordanian monarch.

The CMLA said Kuwait has been assisting Bangladesh in its development efforts. The Kuwaiti leaders gave him the assurance that the bilateral cooperation between the two countries would be further strengthened in the days ahead. A Kuwaiti team of experts will visit Bangladesh soon to identify sectors for possible Kuwaiti investment. The CMLA said he has extended an invitation to the amir of Kuwait and the crown prince, which they have gladly accepted.

Gen Ershad described his visit to Morocco as a memorable one during which he exchanged views with King Hassan and the Moroccan prime minister on bilateral matters and international issues including the Middle East situation, developments in Lebanon, and the Gulf war betwen Iran and Iraq. The most gratifying aspect of his state visit to Morocco, he said, was the conferring on him by King Hassan the Grand Order of the Throne in the recognition of the active role being played by Bangladesh in different forums for the cause of the Islamic world and the consolidation of the solidarity of the Moslem umma' as well as the global peace.

Referring to his visit to France, the CMLA described it as a complete success. During his brief stay in Paris, Gen Ershad exchanged views with President Mitterrand in a cordial atmosphere on various issues including bilateral cooperation, the North-South [words indistinct], Nonaligned Movement, and the Middle East problem.

Replying to a question about the recent incidents in the Dhaka University campus, Gen Ershad said we have been trying to restore a peaceful and congenial academic atmosphere in all educational institutions. He hoped that necessary cooperation in this respect will be forthcoming from all quarters. He said such a situation cannot be allowed to (?exist).

The deputy chief martial law administrators, Cabinet ministers, diplomats, and high civil and military officials were among those present at the airport to receive the CMLA.

RIVER WATERS TALKS WITH INDIA ADJOURNED 4 FEB

BK041300 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 4 Feb 83

[Text] The 24th meeting of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission was adjourned in Dhaka today. The next meeting will be held in New Delhi on the 22d of this month.

A joint press release said the meeting reviewed the progress made by the joint committee of experts on the pre-feasibility studies by both sides for augmenting the dry season flow of the River Ganges at Farakka. The All India Radio Dhaka correspondent reports that indepth discussions also took place on sharing the Tista waters.

Leader of the Bangladesh team Mr Obaidullah Khan expressed the hope that a concrete result will be achieved at the next meeting. Leader of the Indian delegation and the Union Minister of State for Irrigation Mr Ram Niwas Mirdha, who returned to New Delhi this afternoon, said both sides have reached a broad area of understanding in many respects, but there are some more issues on which further discussion is necessary.

VAJPAYEE RESIGNS, VIEWS DELHI ELECTION DEFEAT

BK071625 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] The Bharatiya Janata Party [BJP] president, Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee, has resigned from his post following his party's defeat in the Delhi election. He told newsmen in New Delhi today that he has done so as he feels that he is fully responsible for the party's debacle.

The resignation will now come up before the party's national executive, which is meeting on the 12th and the 13th of this month in Jaipur. In reply to questions, Mr Vajpayee attributed the cause of the party's defeat to organizational weakness. He said though the party considered Delhi elections as of great significance, we were overconfident. Meanwhile, the Delhi Pradesh BJP president, Mr Vijay Kumar Malhotra, has requested the party high command to decide a shakeup at the organizational level.

OFFICIAL SAYS ASSAM SITUATION 'UNDER CONTROL'

BK080326 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 8 Feb 83

[Excerpt] In Assam, essential services including air and train services to and from the state continue to function despite a noncooperation call given by the agitation-leaders to government employees. The Chief Secretary Ramesh Chandra said in Gauhati that the State Road Transport Corporation buses and the ferry services were also maintained. He said the major industrial undertakings including oil installations and the refinery at Gauhati continue their normal operations. Mr Ramesh Chandra said that the overall situation in the state remains under control.

Meanwhile, curfew was lifted from Sipajhar [Koelagong] area of Mangaldai Subdivision yesterday. The situation in the curfew-bound Tangla town is under control. According to reports reaching Gauhati, electioneerings by different political parties are continuing in various parts of the state.

REPORTAGE ON NEPALESE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

3 February Arrival

BK031252 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 3 Feb 83

[Text] The prime minister of Nepal, Mr Surya Bahadur Thapa, was given a warm welcome when he arrived in New Delhi this afternoon on a 3-day official visit. He was received at the airport, among others, by the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, her Cabinet colleagues, diplomats, top civil and military officials. Mr Thapa is accompanied by his Foreign Minister Mr Padma Bahadur Khatri.

Talking to newsmen at the airport, he said his talks with Indian leaders will be on bilateral and international issues.

Gandhi, Thapa Banquet Remarks

BK040423 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 4 Feb 83

[Text] India and Nepal have reaffirmed their commitment to the principles of the Nonaligned Movement. They also expressed the hope that the coming nonaligned summit in New Delhi will play an effective role in bringing in a new economic order.

Speaking at a banquet given in honor of the visiting Nepalese prime minister, Surya Bahadur Thapa, in New Delhi last night, Prime Miniter Gandhi said that India always considers its development as part of the process of the world. She said there is a greater need now for cooperation amongst developing nations. She expressed confidence that India and Nepal will make joint efforts at next month's summit to strengthen the unity of the Nonaligned Movement.

Referring to bilateral relations, Gandhi called for joint efforts to make optimum use of their common water resources. This will help the people of the two countries immensely. She is confident that Thapa's visit would pave the way for further expansion of economic cooperation between India and Nepal.

In his reply, Thapa expressed appreciation of the generous cooperation India had extended to Nepal in her economic development. He also said that India's deep concern for peace is looked upon with great admiration by the Nepalese people.

Foreign Ministers Meeting

BK050428 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 4 Feb 83

[Text] India and Nepal today agreed in principle to extend on an ad hoc basis for a short period the Indo-Nepal trade treaty expiring next month. This has been done to facilitate discussions between the two sides for renewing the 5-year treaty.

A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the foreign ministers of the two countries held in New Delhi today. Both sides also agreed to expedite implementation of the three projects of Karnali, Rapti, and Pancheshwar. About the Indian assistance of 35 million rupees to Nepal, it was agreed that the money will be spent on industrial estates and some other purposes. Another subject that was discussed was about the setting up of a cement project in Nepal or India.

The external Affairs Minister Mr Narasimha Rao said the visit of the Nepalese prime minister has given a new impetus to the friendly relations of the two countries. The Nepalese Foreign Minister Mr Padma Bahadur Khatri thanked India for the cooperation and the all-round assistance which India is extending to Nepal in its economic development.

The visiting Prime Minister Mr Surya Bahadur Thapa had another round of talks with the Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi in New Delhi today. The talks lasted 2 hours.

Joint Economic Commission

BK050935 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 5 Feb 83

[Text] India and Nepal are setting up a joint economic commission to boost their economic cooperation. Besides devising measures to further promote economic ties, the commission will coordinate, monitor, and expedite matters relating to their overall bilateral economic relationship. The foreign ministers of the two countries will be the cochairmen of the commission.

The decision to set up the commission was announced by the prime minister of Nepal, Mr Surya Bahadur Thapa, at a news conference in New Delhi today. Mr Thapa has concluded his discussions with Mrs Gandhi and her colleagues and is leaving for Islamabad this afternoon at the end of his visit to the capital.

Mr Thapa expressed satisfaction over his talks with Mrs Gandhi.

3-Day Visit Concluded

BK050955 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 5 Feb 83

[Text] The Nepalese prime minister left New Delhi at the end of his 3-day visit. He was seen off by the prime minister, the external affairs minister, and others.

OFFICIALS, MALAYSIAN DELEGATION DISCUSS SUMMIT

BK071615 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] In New Delhi, Malaysian and Indian officials today exchanged views on the entire range of issues coming up at the nonaligned summit. An official spokesman said they share a common approach on most of these questions.

On Kampuchea, each side explained its position based on the substantive aspect of the problem and on who should represent that country at the summit. India has been having similar consultations with other members of the Nonaligned Movement on various issues.

In the economic sphere, the two sides discussed ways of breaking the deadlock on global negotiations and both agreed on the importance of practical measures for South-South cooperation.

The Malaysian delegation is in the capital for the annual meeting of the Indo-Malaysian joint commission.

SPACE RESEARCH CHIEF COMMENTS ON NEW PROJECTS

BK050939 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 5 Feb 83

[Text] The country's three new space projects are to go into operation in the next 7 years. The chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization, ISRO, Professor Satish Dhawan, said in New Delhi that the 3 billion rupee investment on these projects will help the Indian industry develop and strengthen its technical skill.

Professor Dhawan was delivering the 18th Sri Ram memorial lecture in the capital.

PRESIDENT ADDRESSES NEWS CONFERENCE 5 FEB

BK051105 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 5 Feb 83

[Text] The president, General Mohammad Ziaul Haq, has said that he has reminded the Majlis-i-Shoora to take up in the right earnest its foremost responsibility to suggest ways and means for the establishment of an Islamic system of government. He was addressing a news conference shortly after inaugurating the fifth session of Majlis-i-Shoora in Islamabad today.

The president said the agencies working on the matter would be able to decide in the near future what would be the Islamic form of government based on the principles of the holy Koran and Sunna.

In reply to a question, the president said since it is not desirable to thrust a new system on the people, therefore, it would be essential to obtain the support of the people for the new structure of government based on Islam. However, he said, there would be no referendum on the issue.

The president said they are also examining the question of participation of political parties in the Islamic system of government.

Asked about the role of the Armed Forces under the proposed system of government, he said in his opinion it should not be like a sword hanging over the heads of politicians. He said they are ensuring that there should be no need to enforce martial law again. He, however, pointed out that under the Constitution the Armed Forces have the role to defend the country from external aggression and to maintain internal security.

Earlier, inaugurating the session, the president said the present system of dispensation of justice was too cumbersome and lengthy. With the setting up of kazi courts at thana [police stations] there would be a marked improvement in the situation.

The president made it clear that the setting up of the kazi courts would not in any way affect any profession or community. The lawyers will continue to enjoy their present status.

The president referred to the enforcement of the usher [agricultural produce tax] and said that this would help provide funds 10 times more than the collections made under the zakat.

The president said that Majlis-i-Shoora should also make recommendations about development plans that could be incorporated in the sixth 5-year plan. He also suggested a debate by the Majlis-i-Shoora on the present energy situation so that steps could be taken by the government in this regard.

After a short break, the Majlis-i-Shoora began its regular session.

Views Delhi Summit, UN Mission

BK051601 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 5 Feb 83

[Excerpts] Talking to newsmen [in Islamabad today] the president said the agencies working on proposing measures for the establishment of an Islamic form of government based on the principles of the holy Koran and Sunna would be able to make a decision soon.

Answering a question, President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq said that during his stay in New Delhi on the occasion of the nonaligned summit he would try to hold talks with the Indian prime minister on all matters that could help improve relations between the two countries.

Answering another question, he said the Kashmir issue is the biggest obstacle in normalization of relations between the two countries and it would have to be solved some day. The president said all impending issues should be settled peacefully.

Replying to a question about Cordovez's mission, the president said like the personal representative of the UN secretary general he is also hopeful on Afghanistan. The United Nations is playing an important role in connection with the settlement of the Afghanistan issue. Cordovez's efforts also have silent support from the Soviet Union and the United States.

ATTEMPTS AGAINST AFGHAN SETTLEMENT SCORED

BK071431 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] [Political leader] Khan Abdul Wali Khan has criticized those elements who are attempting to hinder a political settlement of the Afghan problem. In a statement issued in Peshawar, Khan said that certain vested interests are using the Afghan problem for their personal gain.

MILITARY, ECONOMIC DEAL WITH U.S. ASSAILED

BK070907 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] In Pakistan, the eight-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy has assailed the martial law regime's $3.2 billion military and economic aid deal with the United States. On the eve of its second anniversary, the movement held meetings in Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, and Quetta yesterday. Its leaders described the deal with the United States as a sell-out of the country's independence in exchange for military aid. They criticized President Zia for sacrificing Pakistan's interests by allegedly offering military bases to America for its Rapid Deployment Force.

AIR HEADQUARTERS TO BE SHIFTED TO ISLAMABAD

BK071545 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] Defense Minister Ali Ahmed Khan Talpur told the Federal Advisory Council that the government has decided to shift Air Force headquarters from Peshawar to Islamabad and this task will be completed in stages by April.

SRI LANKA

PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE SWORN IN FOR SECOND TERM

BK041233 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 4 Feb 83

[Text] Celebrations marking the 35th anniversary of Sri Lanka's independence began on a grand scale this morning. A (pirita) ceremony heralded the dawn of this historic day.

A notable feature of today's celebrations was the declaration and affirmation of President J.R. Jayewardene as president for another term of office, creating political history. Hundreds of thousands of people gathered at the Galle Face Green to witness the solemn events in which Mr Jayewardene took the oath before Chief Justice Neville Samarakoon at the auspicious time of 0801 this morning. The declaration was first read by the secretary to the president, W.M.P.B. Menikdiwela.

On arrival at the venue, the President and Mrs Jayewardene were welcomed by the Prime Minister and Mrs Premadasa and the minister of home affairs, K.W. Devanayagam and Mrs Devanayagam. Shortly thereafter, the president took the salute, which was followed by gun salute to the president. This was followed by a military parade by the armed forces.

Among the distinguished visitors present were members of the mahasangha [Buddhist clergy], ministers, MP's and members of the diplomatic corps. The Galle Face Green was gaily decorated with national flags.

IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES 7 FEBRUARY

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[Text] A 10-member delegation from the Islamic Republic of Iran arrived in Colombo this afternoon on a 2-day official visit. The delegation is led by Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati. On arrival, the mission was (?met) by Foreign Minister Shahul Hameed at the airport.

According to Foreign Ministry sources, the talks between the visiting minister and Mr Hameed were scheduled to start a while ago. The discussions are expected to focus on economic and bilateral relations. The sources added that the forthcoming nonaligned summit meeting in New Delhi will be one of the main topics of discussion.

CORRESPONDENT REPORTS ON CONDITIONS AT FRONT

GF071056 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1015 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Unidentified correspondent's telephone report from battlefronts]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. O you zealous and fighting Islamic nation, we are talking to you at the moment from the fronts of the Wal Fajr operation. What can be observed shows the victory of the Muslims and the defeat and collapse of the infidel forces of Saddam. In front of us extensive minefields and row upon row of barbed wires can be seen, all of which have been neutralized by the fighters of the forces of right. We see another one of the enemy's defense canals [sound of machinegun fire in the background] in which a number of their light and heavy vehicles have fallen during the lowly escape of the Iraqi mercenaries. They have been set on fire by the forces of Islam and smoke has filled the area.

What has now become obvious during the Wal Fajr operation in this area is that there has been a very small number of the martyrs of Islam, which shows the complete success of the operation and the achievement of the set goals.

Dear listeners, dear listeners, please pay attention: I can just see one of the Saddamist mercenary helicopters which is trying to bring ammunition and food to the rest of the destroyed Saddamist army. It is being forced to flee due to the fire of the fighters of Islam. [sound of machinegun fire in the background] I should like to remind you that since I started my report we have been informed that several Iraqi mercenaries, including one officer, are being transferred behind the fronts.

This is the correspondent of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

APPEAL FOR VEHICLES, MEDICINE, FOOD FOR TROOPS

LD071554 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] With the commencement of the heroic operations of the forces of Islam and for the purpose of dealing a final blow to the decaying, blasphemous Saddamist forces, freeing the oppressed people of Iraq from injustice, and establishing an Islamic government in the Islamic country of Iraq, the combatants of Islam on the fronts of the battle between right and wrong urgently need ambulances, four-wheel-drive vehicles, cotton, bandages, warm clothes, jute sacks, sugar, tea, and canned food and preserves.

The heroic and martyr-nurturing people of Iran can deliver gifts to mosques. Mosques should also inform the mobilization headquarters, 'Abbasabad Garrison, telephone No 844107, 849891, and 849033, so that people's gifts can be sent to the fronts.

JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER ISSUES COMMUNIQUE NO 2

LD071234 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Communique No 2 issued by Khatam ol-Anbiya base, center for joint operations of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic and Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The nation of Islam, the martyr-nurturing and revolutionary nation:

At 2130 last night, the combatants of Islam began a major Wal Fajr operation codenamed "O Allah, O Allah, O Allah." Relying on God Almighty, they attacked the heart of the enemy lines south of Faqih. Passing minefields, explosive traps, ditches, and other obstacles put in their path, they dealt deadly blows on the forces of Ba'thist-e Zionist army of Iraq. Our forces set fire to and destroyed a number of tanks, personnel carriers, and other weaponry and captured some as booty.

During these operations, the combatants of Islam inflicted heavy casualties and damage on the aggressive forces and liberated the Iranian posts of Subleh, Safireh and Rashidi from enemy occupation. Our forces crossed the border and liberated the border posts of (Wahaq), (Karaneh), and (Safariyah) inside Iraqi territory. In these operations, 250 square km have been liberated from the filthy presence of the Ba'thist-Zionist forces ruling Iraq. The combatants of Islam are consolidating their positions.

Simultaneous with the victories of the combatants of Islam, the hezbollahi, and martyr-nurturing nation, these resistant fronts guarding the dear Islam, will be present in mosques to pray to God Almighty for the health of the imam of the nation and commander in chief, and for the victorious combatants of Islam, asking for the victory of these selfless warriors at the battle fronts.

[Signed] Khatam ol-Anbiya base, center for joint operations of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 1,209

LD071744 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Communique No 1,209 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. O God, boundless praise and gratitude is only worthy of you. The followers of the path of truth last night started their crushing and powerful operations against the Iraqi Ba'thist infidels with your name: O God. They beseech your assistance. Victorious and glorious fighters of Islam, may your fight be victorious and may your victories continue. Dear compatriots, having received the joyous reports about the victory and success of the fighters of Islam in the Wal Fajr operations zones, we hereby inform you of the situation on the other fronts of the imposed war.

During the past 24 hours, fighting continued on all western fronts with the exchange of artillery and other heavy arms fire. Continuing their defensive operations and safeguarding the regions under their protection, they brought enemy positions and units under sporadic fire, resulting in the destruction of a number of enemy trenches, the routing of Saddamist forces, and the death or wounding of a number of their personnel. They prevented the enemy from moving or operating.

By penetrating inside the defensive positions of the Iraqi forces on one front, they captured a number of the enemy and seized equipment. On the Marivan front, an artillery unit of the Ground Forces brought an enemy defensive position under fire and smashed it, inflicting considerable losses and casualties on the Saddamist forces.

On one of the southern fronts, some of the deceived Saddamist mercenaries used flares in an attempt to advance and reach the defensive lines of our forces. However, by opening artillery fire over the Iraqi forces, the vigilant forces of Islam repulsed their attack and forced the Saddamist mercenaries to withdraw.

In Abadan and Khorramshahr, the heroic forces of Islam returned the fire of the Iraqi forces and silenced their artillery fire, completely destroying eight of their bunkers containing light and heavy weapons and killing more than 10 blasphemous Saddamists. In (Chalamcheh) and Pol-e Now near Khorramshahr, the fire was more intense than on other fronts.

Yesterday and last night Abadan and Khorramshahr came under long-range artillery fire of the Saddamists as a result of which some houses were destroyed and part of a hospital was damaged; a number of our dear compatriots were wounded.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

IRAQ'S 'SUDANESE MERCENARIES' FORCED TO RETREAT

LD071818 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] According to IRNA correspondents, following a brave attack by the forces of Islam last night, an enemy brigade composed of Sudanese mercenaries who had been hired by the armed forces of Saddam and who were sent to the Wal Fajr operational area totally withdrew in fear as the result of the lightning attack of the forces of Islam. In these operations, the soldiers of a battalion of the mercenary Sudanese forces were killed or wounded in the (Rosheydeh) region.

According to the same report, the forces of Islam currently have full control over the situation in the area and hold the initiative for action. According to the latest reports by IRNA correspondents, the POW's who have been evacuated include an officer from the 95th Infantry Brigade called (Edna Hey Bastari).

COMMANDERS COMMENT ON OPERATION'S OBJECTIVES

Ground Forces Head

LD071416 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] Dear listeners: We draw your attention to a brief message just received from Colonel Sayyad Shirazi, commander of the Ground Forces.

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. [Words indistinct] so far our combatants have succeeded in continuing their advance through enemy ambushes. We hope, with God's help and assistance, to break enemy lines and to reach our desired destination sooner than predicted.

Headquarters Chief

LD072127 Tehran IRNA in English 1922 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] Karbala' HQ. Feb. 7 (IRNA) -- One of the commanders of the Karbala' headquarters (joint headquarters of the Armed Forces and the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps), Mohammad Baqeri, in an interview here today said that the Wal Fajr operations opened a new chapter in the Iraqi imposed war and was the beginning for the liberation of the Iraqi territory from the aggressor Iraqi (?Ba'thists).

He further added that the main objectives of the Wal Fajr operations launched Sunday night, were: "destroying enemy forces, seizing enemy ammunitions and also recovering justified rights of the heroic people of Iran." The operation was launched in the area between (Chazzabeh) and Faqih, western Khuzestan Province, on the Iran-Iraq border, he added.

In this area the enemy had established the strongest fortifications and had digged ditches and canals four meters deep and six to 12 meters wide. Some of the canals are as long as 200 kms.

The enemy was thinking in vain that by digging such canals it would be able to halt advance of the Iranian forces. However, none of these canals and minefields could affect the strong will of the Iranian combatants.

Meanwhile, the enemy had stationed artillery along the operation line. However, the Iranian forces passed through them with the minimum casualties, Baqeri added. As soon as the operation was launched one Iraqi infantry brigade was surrounded and smashed. Speaking about the achievements of the operation, he said that from the time of the start of the operation since 3:30 am local time, three border posts of Iran: Rashidi, Safireh and Subleh as well as three Iraqi border posts: Vahab, Safireh and Kherameh were cleared from the Iraqi Ba'thist forces.

CHIEF JUSTICE COMMENTS AFTER LATEST OPERATION

LD072057 Tehran IRNA in English 1909 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] Khatam al-Anbiya Headquarters, Feb 7 (IRNA) -- Chief Justice Ayatollah 'Abdolkarim Musavi-Ardabili said Sunday night that the Iraqi imposed war on Iran was a confrontation between Islam and blasphemy and it was not aimed at obtaining some soil.

Speaking in the aftermath of the latest "Wal Jafir" operation, the chief justice said the military readiness of Iranian combatants indicated the victory of the Islamic revolution.

He said the enemy was being more and more disappointed by each Iranian move, adding that the U.S., France, and others could not revive Saddam any more. He said Iran should serve as a model for other countries in defending her dignity, independence, and freedom.

IRNA CITES HASHEMI-RAFSANJANI ON NEW OFFENSIVE

LD072205 Tehran IRNA in English 1933 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] Tehran, Feb 7 IRNA -- Majlis Speaker Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani said today the Islamic forces are taking their last step towards ending the Iraqi imposed war.

"Today we have been given no other choice other than to make our last effort to get our justful rights and to realise the rights of the Iraqi people," he said.

Speaking at the opening of today's Majlis session, the representative of Imam Khomeyni in the Supreme Defence Council, added that looking at the name of the joint Islamic revolution's guards (IRGC) and the army headquarters [operation] Khatam ol-Anbiya (last prophet Mohammad SAW), the people expect this offensive to be the last military operation that would "determine the final destiny of the region."

Rafsanjani said in the past few months Iraq had heard all warnings given by Iran and the Islamic Republic had announced its last ultimatum to that country and waited. "But unfortunately even the statements of Saddam last night showed that our warnings had not been taken seriously and he had considered them as a sign of weakness or some other thing," he said.

"We will give a friendly warning to the governments of the region and specially the governments in the south of the Persian Gulf that they should now pull their feet our of this event and refrain from further involvement," Rafsanjani said. "They should rest assured that we will [word indistinct] tolerance towards them and we will forego their past mistakes and we will not be seeking vengeance of their hostilities."

The Majlis speaker then expressed the hope for the future of the Iraqi refugees in Iran and said they should prepare themselves for a return to their country," and, as their sympathisers, we do not have any on [as received] their interests other than to serve them. We do not covet Iraqi territories or facilities other than to preserve them." The Iraqi people should make themselves ready for a better life without the infidel Iraqi Ba'thist regime, he added.

Rafsanjani addressed the Islamic forces and said the Wal Fajr operation should continue "so that the people of the region would be freed of the ominous presence of this war which has been imposed on the region and to be rid of the ominous presence of the superpowers who are mysteriously flaring this war and who are deceitfulling calling for peace."

MUSAVI ON FRANCE SUPPORTING IRAQ, NEW OFFENSIVE

LD071120 Tehran IRNA in English 0935 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] Khatam ol-Anbiya Headquarters, Feb. 7 (IRNA) -- France has a hand in crimes committed by Saddam, remarked Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi here.

Musavi was speaking moments after the latest operation "Wal Fajr" was launched by the Islamic combatants of Iran, last night.

He said France will immensely suffer after Saddam's certain fall comes about for France had tied her fate to that of Iraq. He said that blow will block any future effort by France to infiltrate the region, thus giving rise to annihilation of all French interests, something about which Iran was delighted.

Proclaiming that the "Wal Fajr" operations will have a prima facie effect in the region, engendering fast changes in the region, hence indicating the sinister collaboration in the Persian Gulf region against the Islamic Revolution of Iran. He said the Iranian latest offensive will show that one one can harness the great holy fire set on the region's oppressors and tyrants.

Emphasizing that the fronts developments will soon show their effects in the Third World, Persian Gulf, and in the Middle East especially in anti-Zionism fronts. Musavi said the war developments will awaken some Non-aligned Movement members of Iran's seriousness.

He added that the movement should soon clear its position in the face of the superpowers plots and those of the arrogants.

Proclaiming that the attack will have positive effects in the Non-aligned Movement, the premier said the coincidence of Iran's "Wal Fajr" operation with Saddam's allegations of discrepancies in Iran's ruling cirlces over continuation of Islamic combatants attacks, was the sign of Allah's bounties. He added that the enemies of the Islamic Revolution of Iran always proved lacking a sound correct analysis over the conditions of Iran, since the Islamic Revolution of Iran was a divine one, and Saddam has only expressed his wishful thinking rather than the realities.

PRESIDENT RENEWS CALL FOR SADDAM PUNISHMENT

LD061818 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 6 Feb 83

[Excerpts] Defense Minister Colonel Salimi, accompanied by heads and deputy heads of the ministry's offices, organizations, and manufacturing plants, this morning met with President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i. During the meeting, the defense minister first gave the president a report on the ministry's productive organizations and plants. President Khamene'i commended their services:

[Begin recording] Everyone in the world today -- both those who voice their views and those who conceal them -- now know that the Government of the Islamic Republic is the most determined and most decisive enemy of the arrogant and hegemonistic front represented by America. The entire revolution, the government, and the nation are all now precisely in line with the revolutionary course and this is one of the miracles of the revolution.

Thanks to the nation's all-embracing movement, the foundations of the Islamic Republic have been strengthened and they are being further strengthened. This is something the enemy also has realized. For this reason, we must expect measures by the enemy against the republic. This requires us to constantly maintain alertness and awareness. The enemy's efforts will be directed toward either extinguishing our revolutionary spirit or eliminating our spirit of initiative and our determined movement. [end recording]

In conclusion, the president referred to Iran's desire for just, peaceful, and cordial relations in the region. He added: At the same time, we want to prove to those states in the region who resort to aggression that possessing might is not symonymous with aggression. Thus, for the sake of this great humanitarian goal, we will not abandon our condition for peace relating to the punishment of Saddam. If our other conditions are in the interests of our nation, the condition relating to Saddam's punishment is in the interest of all the nations in the region and of peace and cordiality in the region.

ETTELA'AT REPORTS ARREST OF TUDEH PARTY LEADERS

LD072245 Tehran IRNA in English 1943 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] Tehran, Feb 7, IRNA -- The daily ETTELA'AT, JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC) and KEYHAN reported today that the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) had arrested a number of persons on charges of spying for the Soviet intelligence agency, the KGB.

The papers all noted that they had forged identity cards and passports in order to cover their real identity.

ETTELA'AT said that they were arrested Saturday night and some of them are thought to be high ranking members of the communist Tudeh Party, namely its Secretary General Nureddin Kianuri and its ideologist Ehsan Tabari.

The Tudeh Party has been the oldest communist party in Iran which from the very beginning backed the Soviet Union's policies and ideology. They are widely blamed for laying the grounds for the U.S.-backed coup in 1953 by creating agitation and disturbances during the premiership of Mohammad Mosadeq.

KHOMEYNI: LAWS DON'T APPLY TO COUNTERREVOLUTION

LD072313 Tehran IRNA in English 1910 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] Tehran, Feb 7, IRNA -- Imam Khomeyni received a group of judges of the Islamic revolutionary courts of Tehran there today.

In his talks to the visiting group, the imam said that in his recent communique for a better observance of the civil liberties of citizens and for further restricting the power of law (for arrest, confiscation of property, and investigation into the private life of the people) he had explicitly excepted the counterrevolution and that the purports of the communique would not apply to known counterrevolutionaries. He noted that insofar as dealing with the counterrevolution is concerned the past laws whatsoever will remain effective. [sentence as received] He also scoffed at reports by certain foreign media alleging that the imam is constantly under the spell of his "aides" and said that there was no one person who influenced him in the manner claimed by those of the foreign media.

CLERIC ASSAILS U.S., USSR FOR AIDING IRAQ

LD042310 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 4 Feb 83

[Text] Hojjat ol-Eslam Faker, the imam's representative to the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, spoke before the Friday prayer sermons in Tehran today. He spoke about the philosophy of the creation of man and the philosophy of men's lives in various societies. He then expounded on the policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which is continuing along its path in accordance with the standards of Islam and the Koran and under the leadership of the imam of the Islamic nation. He said:

Those people in the East who used to peddle socialism and those in the West who used to babble about liberty and equality today are joining hands and standing against these barefooted oppressed people who have risen for their own salvation and independence and are delivering blows and aiding the foes of this revolution. These two heads of imperialism are now knotted together in Iraq. Both are supplying weapons and intelligence to this bloodthirsty aggressor whom they manufactured and molded as a big stick in the region. They are giving him military assistance and are not at all stinting on whatever means are within their might and power in opposing us and aiding the enemy.

Their mass media regularly are disseminating lies. Of course, lies have always constituted the capital of blasphemy throughout history; the day when lies perish will find nothing remaining of Eastern and Western imperialism.

Addressing the foreign guests taking part in the celebrations marking the anniversary of the 10 days of Fajr, he said: Throughout your stay in Iran, you will no doubt become aware that the news agencies and press of both East and West are telling lies about Iran. He added: Our country and revolution right from the very first day declared that they would not tolerate Israel's existence in the Middle East. Many people issued anti-Zionist slogans and claimed to back the Palestinians and to struggle against imperialism. But today, the world can see that the Muslims and the faithful who have been inspired by Iran's Islamic Revolution are true to their struggle against Israel.

The speaker added: Those who wish to bar the way to the export of our revolution should know that as long as Israel exists in the Middle East and as long as South Africa exists in Africa, our revolution is exportable. Let them strive to extripate Israel and South Africa. The groundwork for the export of our Islamic Revolution is constituted by the injustices and bloodletting perpetrated by Israel in the region. When Israel is uprooted, then one can say that our revolution was exported.

Let the United States and the USSR know that our course is not that of the confidence tricksters and political gamesmen whom they have encountered and connived with so far. Veracity is part and parcel of our very religious foundations. We have faith in what we say and, what is more, recognize our path.

Let them not babble about peace with Iraq. They want to preserve Saddam so that whenever the whim strikes them they can attack Iran. Meanwhile, they speak of ending the war. This doesn't mean they want to wipe out the war forever; by preserving Saddam, they want to end the war today so that it can be restarted whenever they fancy and so that our cities and hamlets might once again be devastated and our people might once again be made homeless.

We, on the other hand, see the ending of the war as coinciding with the termination of corruption; we consider Saddam and the Iraqi Ba'th party the foci of corruption. This war will continue until the destruction of corruption and imperialism.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Faker then referred to the martyrdom of a number of commanders and heroes of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps on the battlefronts of good against evil. While extolling their services and acts of self-immolation, he condemned the rumors spread by imperialist radios and news agencies. He said: They should know that all our combatants are generals of Islam.

TEHRAN ARABIC BROADCASTS APPEALS TO IRAQIS

GF070736 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0655 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] O Muslim (?Iraqi) Army, how long will you remain silent at Saddam's tyranny and crimes? How long will you remain silent while Saddam has carried out all his masters' orders.

Our brothers in the Iraqi Muslim Army, how long will your oppressed and persecuted people continue to be (?killed) by the terrorist Zionist gang in Baghdad? How long will the American al-Qadisiyah continue to burn the Iraqi Army and people?

Our brothers, know that Saddam has pushed you to fight your brothers, the Muslim Iranians, motivated by his criminal sentiments and hatred of Islam. Know that Saddam will eventually fall. Also know that the fire he kindled against Islam in Iran is now slowly approaching his shaky palace. Don't be the fuel of this fire. Save yourself from the fire of this world so that you can be spared the fire of the hereafter. Learn from the past and from those who opposed God's messages and opposed His prophets and messengers. Remember how God thwarted their designs.

Direct your weapons at Saddam and the rest of the Zionist gang that is stifling your oppressed people. Be supporters of God and His messenger. Know that God is with you and will judge your crimes.

Call To Rebel

GF070814 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0726 GMT 7 Feb 83

[Text] Our proud brothers in Iraq, our brothers the oppressed soldiers of Iraq, O honorable men whose conscience has not been soiled by the lies of the criminal Saddam and who have not been deceived by any of his fabrications, our zealous brothers: Day after day it becomes clearer to you and to the whole world that the language of reason and logic has been, and will be, useless with Saddam and his criminal henchmen. The only language they understand is the language of bombs and rockets, the language of steel and fire. Your Muslim brothers in Iran are advancing today. In their fight against the aggressors and tyrants, they do not weaken or wane.

Our honorable brothers in Iraq, the Muslim people of Iran who have suckled with their milk the love of Muhammad's eternal message are not only defending themselves today, they are defending you and your feelings that have been trodden upon by Saddam and his evil henchmen. They are defending Islam which binds you and them together, the Islam whose sanctities have been violated by the Iraqi rulers.

Our free brothers in Iraq, the road to your freedom is clear. The chains to which you have been shackled are about to be broken. Rise to the expectations of your Muslim brothers. Renew the glories of your brilliant history by destroying the criminals and surrogates of imperialism. Support God and His religion. These are decisive moments in which history will record your stands. The hordes of Islam have surged forward, prompted by the call of "O God, O God, O God." To liberate you from being subservient to other than God. Advance, O Iraqi people and army, to establish God's government in the land of Karbala', An-Najaf, Al-Kazimayn, and Samara'. God is with you.

RADIO SAYS REGIME 'NOT AIDING' AFGHAN MUJAHIDIN

GF231831 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 23 Jan 83

[Text] One of the Afghan mujahidin leaders who recently escaped from Iran has said that the Afghan refugees in Iran, who number close to a million, are living under the worst possible conditions. The Khomeyni regime is not only not aiding them, but also arrests those who demonstrate or are active against the puppet regime in Afghanistan.

This mujahidin leader added: The regime of Khomeyni's Islamic Republic has allowed Soviet tanks to go to Herat through the Iranian Province of Khorasan and thus attack the people of the area who oppose the occupation of their country by the Soviets. The Khomeyni regime, irrespective of its deceitful demonstrations on behalf of Afghanistan, aids the Kremlin and is working to help the Soviet puppet in Kabul.

In his interview with the Free Voice of Iran, the mujahidin leader added: Those who hold offices in the Iranian administration are individuals who tilt toward Moscow and who have made Iran one of the communist satellites. This mujahidin leader, who asked us not to reveal his name, adds: Khomeyni's regime is not giving any aid to the mujahidin and has, in fact, allowed the Soviets to establish warning and control posts at Iran-Afghanistan borders and thus observe any activity by the struggling Muslim Afghans.